

SENATE BILL 1979

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
Chapter 7, relative to professions of the healing  
arts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is created a scope of practice task force, hereinafter the "task force," to make recommendations to the general assembly for the improvement of the health of residents of this state by providing access to quality and cost-effective care.

SECTION 2. The task force shall consist of twenty-one (21) members.

SECTION 3.

(a) The task force shall:

(1) Develop a plan to educate the public and healthcare professionals about the advantages and methods for a transformed healthcare delivery system that addresses the need for accessible, equitable, and affordable care provided by the appropriate healthcare professional;

(2) Make recommendations on the implementation of a plan to allow healthcare providers to work to the full extent of their education, training, experience, and certification; and

(3) Identify the barriers to adoption of best practices and potential public policy options to address such barriers, including, but not limited to, unnecessary regulation and lack of access to primary care providers.

(b) All state agencies shall provide assistance to the task force upon request of the chair.

(c) The first meeting of the task force shall be convened by the senate sponsor of this act.

(d) The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the one hundred tenth general assembly no later than January 15, 2017, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.